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Dear District 27 Parents/Guardians:

We were notified late yesterday afternoon of one **probable** case of the Novel Influenza A (H1N1) virus at Shabonee School. As you know, I sent you a detailed letter on June 1st outlining the guidelines that we have received from health officials and the precautions we are taking as a District to reduce the spread of illness. Based on the recommendations of the health officials, all of our schools will remain open unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function.

As a reminder, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have told us that the majority of cases in the United States have been less severe than initially expected, with symptoms similar to a typical seasonal flu. Given this encouraging trend, the CDC is no longer requiring doctors to test patients with flu-like symptoms for the H1N1 virus, unless the patient's condition worsens and requires hospitalization.

Since the IDPH and CDC are currently treating H1N1 as a typical seasonal flu and since we may not be able to confirm whether students reporting a mild case of the flu have the H1N1 virus, we will modify our approach to communicating about the H1N1 virus. Rather than updating you on each new probable case in the District, we will let you know if absenteeism at any of our schools, due to probable cases of H1N1 virus, increases significantly above the rate of flu-like illness we typically experience at this time of year.

Please know that we are making every effort to limit cases of Influenza A (H1N1), and that the safety of students and staff is our District's highest priority. We encourage you to continue sending your children who are well to school.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your health provider, school nurse, school principal or me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Kroeze". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David J. Kroeze, PhD
Superintendent of Schools